

## LED ON THE FLAMES

Four Wooden Buildings on South  
Ionia Street

## FURNISH FOOD FOR FIRE

The Row of Frame Buildings Opposite  
the Union Depot Burned to  
the Ground at Midnight.

The row of two-story wooden buildings at Nos. 52, 54, 56 and 58 South Ionia street, opposite the union depot, was totally destroyed by fire at midnight last night. The fire was first discovered by Henry Herman, the night watchman at the union depot, and he turned in an alarm from box No. 26. Herman saw smoke issuing through the sidewalk fronting the Central news depot and at once gave the alarm. It was but a short time before the flames were breaking through the first floor from the basement of the news depot and feeding eagerly on the stock of papers, books, etc. When the fire apparatus arrived the building was in flames and the old roomers were doomed to destruction. The buildings burned like tinder and the large streams of water turned on them had but little effect in subduing the fierce flames. The fire spread rapidly along the line from the Central hotel north until it was finally checked at Walter's saloon, No. 56. The buildings were entirely destroyed, but a small portion of the contents was saved, excepting that owned by the news companies. Those who suffered from the loss were: Fred Walter, saloon, No. 50, \$200, insured; John Collier, restaurant, and Thomas Whalen, barber, No. 52, \$400, partially insured; Peter Scott, saloon and restaurant, No. 54, \$600, partially insured; Central News company, \$200; and William Lamore, restaurant and candy store, No. 58, \$300; Union News company, 415 Sheldon, manager, No. 58, \$400, insured.

The buildings at Nos. 54, 56 and 58 were owned by General L. C. Smith and Charles W. Watkins and were insured for \$600. The building at No. 52 was owned by Mrs. Joseph Murphy and was insured for \$200. When the fire was found to be uncontrollable there was great excitement among the residents in that vicinity and they began to pack their goods preparatory to moving out. The Central house, on the south line of the fire, was badly scorched but the damage was slight, and Walter's saloon, protected by John Schott's saloon on the north. Schott was confined to his bed seriously ill. It was feared the fire would reach his place, and the ambulance was ready to remove him to the hospital. It was not thought advisable to move him, as the fire was under control before it reached him. Lodgers at the Kent hotel on the south were also badly frightened but the building was not reached by the flames. The fire did not leave the scene of the fire until 1:30 this morning.

**City News in Brief.**  
The West Side Benevolent society will gladly receive donations of food, clothing or other supplies at the residence of Mrs. A. Dooda, No. 294 Scribner street, which will be distributed among the worthy poor in their vicinity on Thanksgiving day. These donations may be sent in at any time previous to Thanksgiving day.

A. C. H. Nyland and V. R. VanAlken, eastern and western representatives respectively of the Netherlands-American Steam Navigation company, were in the city yesterday. They are making a tour of inspection among their sub-agencies.

Trinity church choir, under the direction of its leader, the Rev. H. H. Johnston, has issued a most attractive illustrated program of its special Harvest Home or Thanksgiving service in St. Mark's church on Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. The revival movement has touched the episcopal church, as on Sunday evening in St. Mark's the Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair is to conduct an "episcopal gospel service" and preach a sermon suitable to the occasion.

Miss Jennie Bigelow, stenographer in the office of C. L. Lockwood, general passenger agent of the G. R. & I., has resigned, and will go to Albion to accept a position with the Gale Plover company.

Grand Rapids division No. 3, uniformed rank, K. O. T. M., will give its annual Thanksgiving masquerade ball at the armory, No. 6 Pearl street, Wednesday evening, November 23.

O. O. Perry of West Bridge street is completing a nice three story brick block just west of Third Division street on William street. It will be ready for tenants about January 1.

The Seventh Ward Municipal Franchise league will meet Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Jackson, No. 272 Sixth street. Ladies invited to attend.

The Rev. J. B. Hubbs will exchange with the Rev. Campbell Fair on Sunday morning, each clergyman preaching in the church of the other at the 10:30 a. m. service.

There will be a meeting of the committee on clothing of the citizens' Thanksgiving committee in Judge Burlingame's office at noon today.

Mayor Stuart has appointed J. Boyd Postell and John S. Farr as a committee to select from the hotels for the poor Thanksgiving day.

The funeral of Mrs. John S. Curtis will take place at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the Mission Wood Presbyterian church.

Great reduction in fall and winter suits and overcoats to order. Frank M. Williams, No. 139 and 141 Monroe street.

H. Parker Robinson has resumed his teaching. Mrs. Robinson's health having so improved as to make such a step possible.

The vested choir of Trinity episcopal church will give an entertainment next Wednesday night in St. Mark's church.

The Single Tax club has succeeded in raising \$100 of the \$250 necessary to secure Henry George for a lecture.

The members of Company B will contest for the Kinnor medal in a prize drill Monday night, December 11.

Owing to the Misses meetings there will be no Temperance meeting at Good Templar hall this afternoon.

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The women of the Fountain Street Baptist church cleared \$100 at their recent fair.

A new furnace has been placed in the Country club.

Puchmann, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., returned home last evening. Harvey Shesman, the stenographer, remains in the hospital of a second son. Harvey says it is the only person on earth whose dictation he is unable to take.

Mrs. R. W. Wells of Galesburg, Michigan, who has been visiting Mrs. J. J. Doolay of No. 33 Sheldon street for the past week, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. L. Rozema of No. 275 South East street is convalescing from a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. Tracy Horton and son are guests of the family of F. and A. V. Friedrich of Traverse City.

Miss Helen E. Osgood, daughter of Architect Osgood, is ill from a relapse of pneumonia.

Mrs. Samuel Fuller is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sherwood of Allegan for a few days.

Mrs. Marion Pades of No. 181 West Broadway is visiting friends at Lowell.

**TALKED TO CHILDREN.**  
Mr. Gilliam relates the story of Naaman and the Slave Girl.

The Rev. Ralph Gilliam, Mr. Miller's assistant, conducted a meeting for boys and girls in Lockery hall yesterday afternoon. Nearly 2,000 attended the short service which lasted only half an hour. After the usual song service which Mr. Gilliam conducted himself, he told his youthful audience the pretty story of Naaman and the slave girl, as related in Kings ii-v. He told the story in a simple, natural easy way, and brought out to the boys and girls the character lesson it contained. Then he impressed upon his young audience the noble qualities of the little maiden—love, faith, hope, patience and obedience and asked them to take her sweet, simple, unpretentious life as a model for what God would have his children be.

**Andrew DeGroot's Hard Luck.**  
Andrew DeGroot of No. 47 Williams street, who fell down an elevator shaft in the store of Olney, Judson & Co. while in the company's employ last July, is still confined to his bed from a nervous prostration produced from worrying over his condition. His hip was dislocated, his leg broken and his back was injured by the fall. He was removed to St. Mark's hospital, where his expenses were paid by the company until he was removed to his home a few weeks ago. The company also continued his salary until two weeks ago when he was dropped from the list of salaried employees, leaving him with no means of support with a wife and three children in destitute circumstances. He refused to sign a statement releasing the company from all liability in a case for damages for his injuries, and his salary was cut off.

**New Society Club Organized.**  
A new society club has been organized which, when once it is fairly launched, will rival the best society clubs in the city. The first meeting was held in the residence of the Hon. A. B. Turner last Friday evening. There were about thirty persons present and the following officers were elected: President, T. J. Mosher; executive committee, W. W. Radcliffe, Harry J. Perkins and F. T. Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey is also secretary and treasurer. After some discussion the name "Dilettante" (For Pleasure Only) was adopted. The first hop will be held in Lockery hall December 1.

**Miss Reynolds' Party.**  
Miss Marguerite Reynolds of No. 289 South Ionia street entertained the Alpha Nu Phi club Friday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Nellie Daily of Cohoes, N. Y. The evening was pleasantly spent in card playing, music and dancing. Refreshments were served, after which the head prizes were awarded to Arthur Sargeant and Miss Minnie Rose, Bert Kilean and Miss Anna Kinney counseling themselves with the boobies. At a late hour the club adjourned to meet with Miss Mae Walsh, December 5.

**He Was a Pioneer Resident.**  
By the death of James Chittenden, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Lamb, of No. 23 Stoddard avenue, on Friday last, another pioneer resident of Kent county has gone. The deceased has been a resident of Grand Rapids township for thirty-seven years and has a wide circle of friends. His wife died about a year ago and he leaves four sons and four daughters to mourn his loss. His funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Knapp school house.

**Should Call for Their Keys.**  
The ballot box keys delivered to the county clerk at the time of the Belknap-Richardson contest have not all been called for. There are now in the hands of the county clerk the following keys: Tenth ward, second and fourth precincts; second ward, second precinct; fourth ward, fourth precinct; fifth ward, second and third precincts; seventh ward, second precinct; ninth ward, second precinct; tenth ward, first and second precincts.

**High School Foot Ball.**  
Foot ball has a strong hold on the high school boys. There are three strong class teams and, if any one could be found to play with, there would be a school team organized. Until recently the seniors were champions, but the juniors now hold that honor, the seniors having refused to play them. The juniors put up a strong team this fall, and have defeated the sophomore team every game played.

**Hand Crushed by Car.**  
Joseph Whitworth, a brakeman in the employ of the G. R. & I. Railway company, lost the thumb and two fingers of his left hand yesterday morning while coupling cars on the west side. The hand was caught between two draw bars. Whitworth was taken to St. Mark's hospital where his injury was dressed. Whitworth is married and lives at No. 437 Jefferson avenue.

**Contractors' Disasters.**  
Edna Brickway, No. 63 East Bridge street, typhoid fever; Joseph Kennedy, No. 230 Fourth street, chicken pox; Margaret Kennedy, same, Hattie and Jonathan Clark, No. 713 North avenue, diphtheria; James Crowley, No. 22 Oakland avenue, measles; Gertrude Shaw, No. 18 Packard street, chicken pox.

**Burial Permits.**  
Charles E. Burch, No. 94 Ramona street, Valley City; Hannah Pease, No. 410 Center avenue; Valley City; James R. Chittenden, No. 1 Stoddard avenue, Valley City; James P. Craig, No. 22 Third street, Valley City; child of Adrian Van den Bond, No. 45 Van Dine alley, Pullen street.

**A Child Enjoys.**  
The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative, and if the father mother be mother or children, the most satisfying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy known, and every family should have a bottle on hand.

**Personal Mention.**  
The Rev. J. E. Puchmann of Richmond, who has been in the city attending the Mill meeting during the last two days and visiting his brother, C. B.

## WILL RACE IN JULY

Horsemen's Association Will Hold  
Two Meetings Next Year.

## THREE DAYS' TROT IN JULY

July 3, 4 and 5 Set for the Races.  
August Meeting to Last  
Five Days.

Francis Lilly, L. H. Withey, Will White, Maurice Shaanahan and Secretary Martin were all the members of the Horsemen's association present at the meeting last evening in Don J. Leather's office at the corner of Monroe and Ionia streets. It was decided to have a three days' meeting in July, the date being July 3, 4 and 5. It was decided to advertise this meeting early and make it a success. There are to be five stakes and four purses of \$250 each. The stakes will be closed by May 15. The classes have not yet been arranged, but will be prepared and submitted by the secretary at the next meeting. It was decided to have the secretary make an estimate of the expenses of the July meeting and submit it at the next meeting. The association has a large number of accounts outstanding, and it was decided to place these in the hands of an agent for collection.

Considerable talk was indulged in regarding the August meeting, which will take place the second week in August and last five days. The secretary has decided to move his office from its present location to Mr. Leather's office. He will probably make the change the first of December.

**Mission Thanksgiving Dinner.**  
The Rocky Beach Willing Workers, a branch of the Rocky Beach Benevolent association, composed of school girls, will give a dinner to the boys and girls of the Waterloo street Mission Thanksgiving day at noon. Only those children who are present at Sunday school today will receive a ticket entitling them to a seat around the festive board. Donations of any kind for this purpose will be received with thanks by the society on Wednesday preceding at the Mission hall, No. 19 Waterloo street.

**Mills at the County Jail.**  
Today Evangelist B. Fay Mills will endeavor to reach a class of persons that has not had the privilege of hearing his eloquent appeals for repentance during the past ten days and nights in Lockery hall owing to their peculiar surroundings. At noon he will deliver a sermon to the inmates of the county jail and Mr. Mills will join in the service with song. Turnkey Carroll will gather all the prisoners on the second floor, where they can see and hear the great revivalist and his assistant.

**Duplex Telephone Directory.**  
The new telephone directory copyrighted by C. W. Chauncey and published by George L. Edliff & Co., will be ready for delivery early this week. The book is first arranged alphabetically in the usual manner, but in the lack of it the telephone numbers are compiled numerically. By this arrangement it is possible to learn if a debtor or creditor who wants to talk with you when a number is left on your desk during your absence from the office.

**Church of Christ Charity.**  
This morning in the Church of Christ clothing, provisions and other useful articles will be received for distribution on Thanksgiving Day. The poor of that congregation will be supplied first, and all articles remaining will be taken to the Charity Organization society.

**World's Fair Figures.**  
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The balance, as shown by the auditor is \$2,610,630.90, but from this amount are deducted such obligations as are in sight, but not included as any part of the expenditures, up to October 31. These obligations, which are for salaries, premiums, rent of office, etc., make a total of \$748,147.82, this amount being deducted from the \$2,610,630.90 leaves the net assets \$1,862,483.08.

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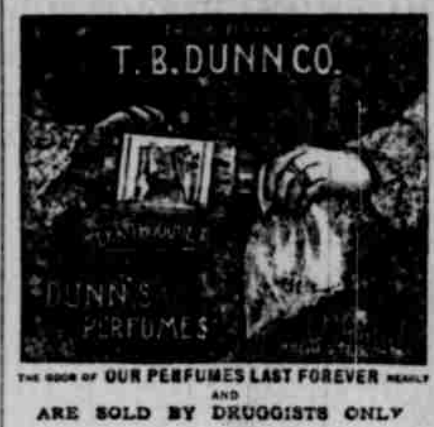
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